

Chapter I-GENERAL

A. AUTHORITY

Publication and use of this manual is authorized by Department of Defense Directive 1338.10, "Department of Defense Food Service Program."

B. PURPOSE

1. This manual consolidates into one document the previous DoD publications governing Food Service Education and Training, Use of Civilian Resources, Nutritional Standards, Meal Charges, Reporting Requirements, In-Flight Feeding, Research and Development, Food Management Teams, and Food Planning.

2. It is not intended that this manual be reproduced at the individual Military Service level, however, it may be supplemented to incorporate provisions which are unique to an individual Service.

C. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

1. The provisions of this manual apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Defense Logistics Agency, and the Coast Guard during time of war (hereafter referred to as DoD components). These DoD components set policy, operate troop feeding and dining facilities under the subsistence-in-kind program, and furnish meals to authorized military and civilian personnel on a reimbursable basis when operating costs and food costs are financed from appropriated funds, except such special activities as may be specifically excluded by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) (ASD(MRA&L)), or supply items to support the system.

2. The provisions cover Food Service, whether performed contractually or in-house, and include related research and development; nutrition; acquisition of food, supplies, and equipment; menu and recipe planning; meal preparation and service; and compliance with the provisions of DoD 5030.49-R, "custom inspections," for inflight meals on international flights; sanitation; design and layout of facilities; personnel; training; accounting and reporting; and consumer acceptability.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The ASD(MRA&L) is responsible for development of this manual.

2. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) will maintain the manual.

3. Each Military Service will implement these procedures and changes thereto by publishing orders, directives, or instructions to insure clarity of understanding and compliance. Each Service will forward two copies of such orders, directives, or instructions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (MRA&L) and The DLA Director. The term, Service, as used herein refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

4. The services and DLA will forward requests for deviations from this manual to ASD(MRA&L) for a decision.

E. ADMINISTRATION

1. Funding for copies of this manual is the responsibility of each Service.

2. Each Doll component is responsible for internal distribution.

3. Recommendations for additions, deletions and changes will be forwarded to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA-LF), Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va. 22314. DLA will prepare revisions and forward them via the DoD Food Planning Board, (hereafter referred to as the Board), to ASD(MRA&L) for coordination with the Services prior to publication.

F. NUMBERING SYSTEM

1. The paragraph numbering system of this manual is designed to indicate the chapter and paragraph for identification and reference purposes. Subdivisions of paragraphs are indicated by arabic number, lower case letter, arabic number in parenthesis, and lower-case letter in parenthesis, in that order, as follows:

Chapter I, II, etc.

Paragraph A, 13, etc.

Subparagraph La.(1).(a).

2. Pages are numbered in a separate series for each chapter and appendix. Pages of a chapter are numbered in sequence with Arabic numerals beginning with 1. Each page number is preceded by the number of the chapter, for example: the third page of chapter I is numbered 1-3.